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6                   **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
7                   **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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9 JAMES ANTHONY DAVIS,

10                  Petitioner,

11 vs.

12 DWIGHT W. NEVEN, et al.,

13                  Respondents.

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15                  Case No. 2:15-cv-01574-RFB-NJK

16                  **ORDER**

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18                  Petitioner has filed a first amended petition (ECF No. 29). The court has reviewed it pursuant  
19 to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts. The court  
20 will direct respondents to file a response.

21                  Petitioner also has filed a motion to seal (ECF No. 34). The exhibits at issue all contain  
22 confidential information, and the court grants this motion.

23                  IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that respondents shall have forty-five (45) days from the date  
24 of entry of this order to answer or otherwise respond to the first amended petition (ECF No. 29).  
25 Respondents shall raise all potential affirmative defenses in the initial responsive pleading, including  
26 lack of exhaustion and procedural default. Successive motions to dismiss will not be entertained. If  
27 respondents file and serve an answer, then they shall comply with Rule 5 of the Rules Governing  
28 Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts, and then petitioner shall have forty-five (45)  
days from the date on which the answer is served to file a reply. If respondents file a motion, then the  
briefing schedule of Local Rule LR 7-2 shall apply.

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1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that petitioner's motion to seal (ECF No. 34) is **GRANTED**.

2 DATED: November 2, 2017.

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RICHARD F. BOULWARE, II  
United States District Judge